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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 12,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER WORD ON THE TWO
AMERICANS WHO WERE UNDER ARREST IN INDIA?

A. I DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH MORE BUT THEY GAVE ME SOME BRIEF-
ING ON THIS. WE LEARNED FROM THEIR LAWYER THAT THIS
REPORTED HUNGER STRIKE THAT THEY WERE GOING TO GO ON HAS
BEEN POSTPONED FOR A WEEK. THAT'S ONE BIT OF INFORMATION
THAT I HAVE ON IT. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE ONLY
SUBSTANTIVE THING I CAN REPORT AT THIS READING.

Q. WHAT ARE THE CHARGES?

A. ON THE QUESTION OF THE CHARGES, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MADE
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PUBLIC BY THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES. AND THERE WAS SOMETHING

IN THE PRESS TODAY ABOUT IT. BUT IN LIGHT OF THAT WE HAVE
NO COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

Q. THE ORIGINAL REPORT SAID THEY WERE CHARGED WITH THE
VIOLATION OF THE INDIAN OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT. HAS THAT
BEEN CHANGED?

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT WAS MADE BECAUSE
THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON
THE CHARGES. END QUOTE. SISCO

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